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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON,

Ohief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

TAR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876. SAYLE & Co.

Hougkong, March 16, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the Business of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony. R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices,

and Lloyds Register of Shipping. 2. Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

NOTICE.

TR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been com-IVI pelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

TATE have been appointed AGENTS for the American Shipmasters' Asso-

CIATION. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, February 9, 1877.

VIOTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the USINESS of the above named DISPEN. BARY will be carried on by the Underigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager.

Houghong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE,

HE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the ains of Mestern & Hulse has this day sen dissolved by lapse of time, and the ignature of the Firm will henceforth be sed for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN. W, HULSE, Centon, Desember 81, 1876,

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CARRIAGE, HARNESS, & 2 PONIES, THE PROPERTY OF A. SIENKIEWICZ, Esq., CONSUL FOR FRANCE.

HE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Ro.d,-

One 4 wheeled Victoria PHAETON. for One or Two Ponies. Bail Aine, Paris, Builder.

One Pair Grey North China PONIES. with Silver Mounted Harness. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Al lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the

J. M. ARMSTRONG. Auctionser. Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,-

ON THE SPOT Unless previously disposed of by Private

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House." Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot. and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS:—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall

of the hammer. Hongkong, March 13, 1877.

intimations.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

7170 Expedite the Delivery of Telegrams, this Company's London Station has been connected by Pneumatic Tubes with the following Post Office Telegraph Stations:-Lothbury-Founder's Court.

No. 27, Cornhill. No. 58, Threadneedle Street. The Baltic. Gresham House.

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Mark Lane. No. 8, Eastcheap. No. 101, Cannon Street. St. Martin's Old General Post Office. New General Post Office.

Ludgate Circus. Temple Bar. West Strand, Instead of going through the General Post

Office. Messages will be distributed at once by the Company's own Messengers, unless they can be tubed more quickly through the above mentioned Stations. GEORGE J. HELLAND,

General Agent. Shanghai, March 16, 1877.

ERNEST WASSELL & Co.. PHOTOGRAPHERS.

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ERNEST WASSELL. Hongkong, Match 9, 1877.

O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, Begs to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Siz or Eight Weeks, leaving early in AVRIL, Houghong, March 12, 1174,

intimations.

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This Brandy is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

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NOTICE.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON, Manufacturer of Gold and Silver Laces, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN

Description.

mongkong, March 14, 1877.

NOTICE.

YEITHER Captain Forses nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque_"GARIBALDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTs contracted by the Orew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary. 137, Leadenhall Street.

LONDON. 1st January, 1877. THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877. ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL,£1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND,....£ 340,000

TITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MAKINE INSUR-ANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LUNDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIver as its AGENT in Hong-

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class

Steamer. A. MulVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London. Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

HE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to A Chinese Hornbook. be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situate between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to excend \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of T HAVE This Day Established myself as \$400 for the best and most suitable Design PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of with Specifications; and competitors have Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the the option of forwarding Tenders for earry-

The Designs, accompanied with all doeuments, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penangs D. O. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretarys Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876,

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.. WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS. 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. CHRONOMETERS.

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All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING on FRIDAY Next, the 16th instant, the Steamer PoWAN will Run as a Night Boat between HONG-KONG and CANTON, leaving Hongkone on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., and Canton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m. By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

WANTED.

OME Active Intelligent Men as TURN-NEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary Commencing at \$40 per Month, with Quarters and Uniform. Applications to be made to the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol.

VICTORIA GAOL, Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc30

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Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

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TN Order to make Room for SPRING Guods. On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense re-

duction. DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 80 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 85 cents per yard. FANOY SILKS! We offer about 5,000

yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard. JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard. WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES

JACKETS, Marked very Cheap. Ladies', Boys' and Girls' FELT HATS, at Half Price. FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

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Apply to SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship spatched for the above Porte on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

FOR BANGKOK.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

The Spanish Steamer "ZAMBOANGA" will be despatched for the above Port on the 31st Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOV The Steamship Capt. WESTORY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE,"

For Freight, apply to

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MoNEAR," W. TAYLOR, Master, will lead here, and will have quick despatch as above.

Hougkong, February 15, 1877. FOR NEW YORK.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

The 12 years 3/3 L. 1 1 Danish "KORSÖR," L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to vogel, hagedórn & Co. Hongkong, February 18, 1577.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The British Ship "ANGLO SAXON." C. HARRINGTON, Master, will

load here and have immediate For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

Notices to consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE. THE S. S. Viking, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yoko hama unless notice to the contrary is received before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent. Ladies' and Children's WOOL and No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

> JARDINE, MATHESON & Co... Agents. Hongkong, March 22, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. DJEMNAH. NOTICE CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Craigforth and Euphrate, from London. in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being and stored at their risk at the

Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on anless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 o'clock To-DAY, request-

ing it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after 29th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and

H. by POUEY,

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

landing charges.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. O. & O. S. S. Co.

NOTICE. MONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship

BELGIC, are hereby notified that Captain PITMAN, will be de- their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st

Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. B. EMORY. Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. KHIVA. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the NEPAUL from London, and DECCAN from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Goods not delivered by the 2nd Proximo

A. McIVER,

will be subject to rent.

signess' risk and expense.

THE BRITISH SHIP WINDERMERE. FROM ANTWERP. MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Versel are requested to send PLUMER, Master, will load in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned here and will have quick for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. diate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

> MEYER & Co., Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

> > MARITIMES,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNIES. TONSIGNEES of the following Carro O are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counters signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and storet at

their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected. A. DU POURY, Agent,

Ex Tigre, March 5th, 1877; U. S. S. Ashuelot, . . . 2 cases Instrumenta: Ex Pei-Ho, March 7th, 1877. B'on Overbeck, F No. 18, 1 case Effects,

Hongkong, March 15, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX 8. 8. "Hesperia."

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The well known OTARD DUPUY & Co.'s General - JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to

L. L. BUSH. Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EFFEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half. To be had from Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai. Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapt-A ed for Working Native COTTON either Ningro or Tientsin. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, coneisting of :-

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbins, &c., with shafting and Belting Complete.

For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet. HE AMENDED HONG LIST A. in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most Amportant Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen. At the "Ohina Mail" Office.

TOWONG HING CHEUNG & Co. COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr Anyon has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr Far Jack, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAL (Taking through Cargo for TIENTSIN GHEFOO and NEWOHWANG.)

The Steamship Captain GULLAND, will be despatched as above on THURS-DAY, the 29th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co,

Hongkong, March 27, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenartney, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence of from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th

obtained.

Goods remaining undelivered after the and Proximo will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Melther the Captain, the Agente, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay In Hongkong Harbour :--

Alpen Besse, American barque, Captalu B. Noyes,—Rosario & Co.

Formosa, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schweer.—Melchers & Co. Mystrin Bellie, American ship, Captain

David Plumer. Siemssen & Co. Rusina, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Panota, American 8-m. schooner, Capt.

H. W. Lunb, - Landstein & Co. EURO, British barque, Capt. George W. 2.30 P.M. Correspondence for Japail or this Zoter .- Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Winnentiere, British ship, Capt. Mann. ≃Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 26, 7 p.m., Olympia, German steamer, 777, F. Nagel, Saigon Match 28, 11 AM. Hiso. - SIBKISED & Oc.

ARRIVALS.

March 26, Brema, German barque, 880, C. Timpe, Haiphong March 9, Rice.-WIELER & Co.

March 27, Uzziak, British schooner, 219, F. Harnden, Hasphong March 16, General. -Wieler & Co.

March 27, Bowen, British steamer, 844, Miller, Sydney Feb. 24, via ports of cali, and Cooktown March 6, and Singapore 21, General -GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

March 27, Hydra, German barque, 785, T. Dest, Cardiff Nov. 16, Coal. SIEMSSEN

March 27, Bomboy, British steamer, 749, Smith, Yokohama March 20, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 27, Glenartney, British steamer, 1270; W. A. Gulland, London Feb. 11, via ports of call, and Singapore March 21,

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 27. Montgomeryshire, for Salgon. 27, Anazi, for Bangkok.

27, Sunda, for Yokohama. 27. Norna, for Swatow. 27, Jeddah, for Saigon.

27. Cairnsmuir, for Saigon. 27. Formosa, for Tientsin. 27, Sir Harry Parkes, for Taiwanfoo. 27, Esmeralda, for Amov. 27, Khiva, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Antenor, for Shanghai. Douglas, for Swatow, &c.

> PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Bowen, from Sydney, &c., Mesara Wood, Levy, Cran, Capt. Stevens, and 222

Per Bombay, from Yokohama, Mr and Irs Alex. Marks, 2 children and servant Miss Haru and servant, and 4 Chinese. Per-Glenartney, from London, Mesars Williams, Pressick and Otto.

Per Olympia, from Saigon, 16 Chinese. DEPARTED. Per Sunda, for Yokohama, Mr Ah Lut,

Capt. Purvis, Mr Rhode, and Mrs Ellerton Per Khiva, for Shanghai, Messrs Anderson, Sayle, Armstrong, Chongkong, and

Per Montgomeryshire, for Saigon, 40 Chi-Per Norna, for Swatow, 107 Chinese.

Per Cairnamuir, for Salgon, 120 Chinese. Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, 1 Cabin, and 200 Ohinese. To DEPART,

Per Antenor, for Shanghai, 20 Chineses Per Douglas, for Swatow, &c., 6 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Had light S.E. winds and fine weather until to-day (26th) at noon, when had thick rainy weather to arrival.

The German barque Brema reports Left Haiphong harbour the 7th of March. and the Light House on the 9th. In the Gulf first two days light easterly winds, at the South of Hainan calms and variables with strong westerly current for ten days. After which one day strong N.E. wind and then two days moderate S.E. wind, and last two days moderate N.E. wind with thick rainy weather.

The British schooner Uzziak reports: Fine weather with light variable winds. On the 18th March, spoke British schooner Tullochgorum bound to Haiphong off S. W. Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongap19 point of Hainan | all well.

The British steamer Bowen reports: Left Sydney on the 24th Feb. at 5 p.m.. and arrived Moreton Bay on the 26th at 8 p.m. Received Mails and passengers on 1st March at 2 p.m. and proceeded towards Keppel Bay. On the 2nd at 11 p.m. arrived at Keppel Bay, and left again at 12.20 am. On the 4th at 4 a.m. arrived off Bowen and proceeded again at 4.25 a m. Arriving off Townsville at 2 p.m. Received and delivered Mails and passengers and proceeded at 3 p.m. on the 5th; at 1.55 p.m. let Lo anctor off Cooktown, at 8 40 p.m. weighed anchor and proceeded On the 6th at 9.15 p.m. stopped and let go anchor in Torres Straits it being too thick to proceed. On the 7th at 2.20 a.m. got under way, and at 2 p.m. anchored off Somerset. Discharged Mails, cargo and 8th at 12.30 p.m. weighed anchor and proceeded towards Singapore; on the 19th at 4.15 p.m. m.de fast alongside Tanjong Pagar wharf, Singapore. On the 21st at 5.10 p.m. unmeored ship and proceeded towards Hongkong. The Bowen experienced light winds and fine weather from Sydney to Somerset, fresh westerly monsoon from Somerset to Singapore, and from thence to 26th inst. light winds and fine weather. On 26th inst. light winds and hazy, and in the evening strong N.E. breeze with high sea lasting until arrival.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS, MAILS will close !-

For SAIGON .--Per CYPHRENES, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 25th instant, instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAL .--Per ANTENOR, at 3.30 p.m. To-merrow, the 28th inst.

Per GLENARTNEY, at 8,80 p.m., on Thursday, the 29th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet BELGIC will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 5rd April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows :--

2 P.M. Registry of Letters crases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes.

United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p. m. when the Mall is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed

for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be cent by British Packeti General Post Office, Hongkong, Merch 20, 1877.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close:-

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET .-The English Contract Packet KASUGJR will be despatched with the Mails for

Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant The following will be the hours of closing

the Malls, &c. :-

Wednesday, 28th Instant. 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 29th Instant.-

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. (10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes

entirely. (11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. mc29

11.50 AM., when the Mail is finally

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-The French Contract Packet PEIHO will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 5th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marseilles; to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suen, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Malis, do. :-

Wednesday, April 4 .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box,

which remains open all night, Thursday, April 8 .- :

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely. Hongkong, March 22, 1877.

> Shipping Intelligence. HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers :-

DEPARTURES. Nov. 17. Eliza Shaw, from London to Nov. 21, America, from Uardiff to Hong-Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to

Hongkong. Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hong-KODE. Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to

Hongkong. Dec. 4. Benclutha, from Cardiff to Hong.

Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Dec. 17, Carricks, from London to Hong-

Dec. 19. Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hong-

Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hong-Dec. 28, Inc, from Greenock to Swatow. Dec. 23, John Nicholson, from New York

to Shanghai. Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghal. pastengers and received ditto, and on the Dec. 29. Ulysses (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (at Singapore, repairing). Dec. 29. Canaan, from Cardiff to Hong-

Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, Windhover, from London Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hong-

Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong. Jan. 16, Gryfe, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Fob. 1. Robert Heuderson, from Buryport

to Honghong. Feb. 2, Polynesia, from Cardiff to Hong-

Feb. 8. Daphne, from London to Hong-Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp to

Feb. 16, Bertha (str.), from Cardiff to Hougkong. Feb. 18, Glaucus (str.), from Liverpool to

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS. Ai London:—Steamers dia Bust Canal Candia. Afgentino. Flanra Castle. Spindia

Sailing Vessels. Belted Will. Sir Lancelot. Penrith. City of Aberdeen. Enid. Antwerp. Scindia. Kalsow. Commistary. At Liverpool

Anchibes (str.) ... Llord Macatilay.

General Memoranda.

THUBSDAY, March 29:-Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Goods per Djemnah undellvered after

Noon, subject to rent and landing 4 p.m.—Glenartney leaves for Shanghai. 4 p.m .- Sale of Carriage, &c., at Mr J M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

SATURDAY, March 31:-Daylight. - Zamboanga leaves for B'gkok Goods per Belgie undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, April 1:-Daylight. - Namoa leaves for Coast Ports. Monday, April 2:--Goods per Khiva undelivered after this

date subject to rent. TUESDAY, April 8:-3 p.m. — Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Francisco Goods per Glenariney undelivered after this date subject to rent. THURSDAY, April 12:-

2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

SATURDAY, April 14:-3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.

Daylight. - Douglas leaves for Coast Ports. Notice of Optional Cargo per Glenartney to be given before 11 a.m. Goods per Viking undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 27: 1877.

THE columns of our northern contemporaries have, during the last fortnight especially, contained most distressing accounts of the sufferings in Shantung consequent on the famine. Thousands mendable seal and liberality in of people are represented as having died matter. It is to be hoped that the worst from starvation. The greatest distress phase of the famine is now over, but appears to be in the centre of the prodoubtless the unfortunate sufferers will vince, where at least a million and a half require more or less aid for some months of persons are said to be starving to death. The Rev. Timothy Richard writes from Ching-chow in Shantung under date of Feb. 5th :- "In summer the great cry of the mass of the people was for rain. Now it is for very life. Having finished their corn they eat grain-husks, potatoe stalks and elm bark, buckwheat stalks, turnip leaves, and grass seeds which they gather in the fields and sieve the dust When these are exhausted they pull down their houses, sell their timber, and it is reported everywhere that many eat the rotten kaoliang reeds (sorgum stalks) from the roof, and the dried leaves which they usually burn for fuel. their eating fuel leaves there is no doubt. Thousands eat them and thousands die because they cannot get even that. They sell their clothes and children. Having no clothing left to protect them from the cold many take refuge in pits, built under-ground, to keep themselves warm by the fetid breath of the crowd, which is bought dearly. In the east suburb of the legal tender of the country. of Ching-chow city there are four such Jan. 18, Batavis, from Hamburg to Hong- pits. One-third of the number (240) originally put in them are now dead within six weeks, and yet no sooner is one corpse carried out than a crowd struggles for the place!" This is a very terrible state of things even for China. It hardly seems possible that such events can transpire in any part of the world in Feb. 5, Carrigal, from Cardiff to Hongkong. | the nineteenth century, excepting perhaps in the centre of Africa or some other spot equally remote from vivilized beings. Coming, however, from a missionary we are bound to believe that we have here but a record of facts. The Shanohai Courler has had placed at its disposal the following statistics from the worst villages in the famine district, taken by

> Hwang-kia Chwang 40 68 .. 2 .. Kiang-kia Chwang 100 110 Seu-kia Chwang Lin-ku Helen !--Siin-kia Chwang Liang-heien Chwang 50 22 20 Ho-twan 50 81 18 Yaug-kia Chih 110 50 .. \$.. An-kla Chwang 50 22 , 21 50klon Pop-kia Chwang Tung-kis Chwang 130 108 80 11 11

obtaining thom on the 6th instant i-

The Government appears to have done very little for the relief of the sufferers. It has made one grant of Taels 43,000, -a sum which is but a miserable pittance coming from such a source, and which will not relieve one hundredth part of the distress. The "paternal" Government has evidently not yet learnt its duty to its subjects. It is willing to empty its coffers in a useless war in the North-west; it has not hesitated within the last six months to spend half-amillion taels in the purchase of torpedoes for the defence of the Peiho; but Taels 43.000 is the sum of its contribution to relieve millions of its subjects from the horrors of a famine. The Government knew perfectly well what was going to happen, and could, if it had seen fit, prevented the greater part, if not the whole, of the present suffering. The famine is the natural result of the great drought which affected the provinces of Shantung and Chihli during the summer and autumn of last year-... drought which, it will be remembered, caused so much tribulation and so many prayers on the part of His Imperial Majesty, all duly recorded in the Pekino Gazette, and which were in the end crowned by that consummate piece of foolery of sending into the provinces for the celebrated "iron tablet" blessed with rain-producing qualities, but which on this occasion obstinately refused to act. notwithstanding the united solicitations of all the great dignitaries in the capital from the baby Emperor downwards. 1 is true that the Government has taken some trouble to organise means of relief. They have, notably, sent a Wei yuen empty-handed into each district to manage the business, and, according to al accounts, these individuals have calmly smoked their pipes, and left it alone. The interference of the authorities in some cases has also been attended with evil results. They have for instance followed their old practice and fixed a maximum price for grain, which prevents importations to the distressed districts. One affair is mentioned in which a firm imported a considerable quantity of flour in anticipation that prices would go up, and, just as their stock arrived, out came the official proclamation fixing a certain price for flour, the consequence being that the Hong lost heavily on the transaction and are not likely to try the experiment again. Then again Mr Richard mentions that the present selling price for land in the localities affected is about 15 per cent of the usual value, or, in other words, a piece of land that will ordinarily fetch \$100 will now only realise \$15. This is the result of the Government having, on a previous occasion, ordered some sales of land that had been made to enable food to be purchased, to be cancelled, and the land returned to the owners-no compensation being made to the buyers who had parted with their money. the Government has acted meanly, however, in relieving the sufferers, a similar charge cannot be made against have, we believe, subscribed liberally to to do their utmost to make it a success. the relief funds at Shanghai and in other parts of the country, and some of them have, we learn, given as much as Taels 1.000. Many of the Chinese authorities have also acted with com-

COINAGE REFORMS AT MANILA.

The following decree regarding the suppression of foreign coins appeared in the Manila Gaceta of the 21st March 1877, and

was reproduced in the Comercio !-1. From this date and until further notice the introduction of foreign coins

of all classes into these islands is forbidden. 2. With regard to the previous article, all the coins sent for from foreign countries previous to the publication of the present decree, are excepted. The parties interested must furnish to the Excheque: within 24 hours, a true list of such requisition for the examination and satisfaction of

8. The Mexican silver coins in circulation in the islands, in virtue of the decres of the 24th July, 1876, issued by the Board of Exchequer, may continue to circulate as

4. The recoining of the said coins will be proceeded with immediately and with all readiness in the Manila Mint, converting them into Spanish colos within the Last | tone. possible time, after which, there will be no other legal tender but that of the Spanish coinage so far as silver coins are concerned; all other coins will be considered as bullion

or in it intrinsic value only. 5 All other previous decrees again at this is considered null and void.

The Comercio adds ! "We deduce from this that all the Mexican coins at present in circulation, together with those sent for from China up to the date of the last trip of the Salvadora, will be accepted at the Government offices at par, provided the Government are made acquainted with all s person sent for the special purpose of necessary particulars within the time required; and as they are received at the Treasury, the dollars will be sent to the Mint for conversion into Spanish Soins of 50, 20 and 10-cent pieces, to that the public will suffer no loss whatever by the money they have already in hand for dirculation. It can be said therefore that the foreign coins in question can at present be souside :ed equal in value to Spanish money con sidering the present views of the Government, which are solely intended to stop the Grisis that assented impending."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Via Sucz.)

LONDON, 24th March, 1877. THE INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE. The Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge has resulted in a dead heat, the first on record.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

COMMANDER Goorge W. Perkins, U.S.N., has been appointed to the Ashuelot on the Asiatic station, and was to leave San Francisco per steamer of the 1st March.

WE(Singapore Times) are informed that Lieut. McCallum, R.E., His Excellency's Private Secretary, has been ordered on military duty to Hongkong, and will not therefore accompany Sir William Jervois to Australia.

THE ships Glamis and Woodlark were (says a Brisbane telegram) loading at Ipswich on February 23rd with 2,600 tons of Waterstown coal for Hongkong. Governor Cairns was to leave Adelaide on 6th March.

MR JUSTICE SNOWDEN gave judgment this morning against all the defendants in the case of Tsung Chow v. Chun Atai and others, a suit for \$705.28 heard a fortnight ago. Mr Sharp was for the plaintiff, and Mr Wotton for Chun Atai. The other cases before his Lordship to-day possessed no features of public interest.

THE entertainment at the Temperance Hall last evening was amongst the best yet given. A combination of circumstances tended to make the attendance small-first there being no British men-of-war in the Harbour, but the guard ship; a performance held at the Garrison Theatre, and that old enemy the weather. In spite of all these discouragements the few that were assembled had no cause to regret their braving the storm. There were two duets, viola and planeforte, both much enjoyed |---a Planeforte Solo, Guitar Solo, Banjo Solo, and last a Solo on the Bag-pipes, the novelty of which called forth much merriment and the performer had to respond to shearty encore. Then there were two or three very good songs, a couple of Readings and a Yarn-such a tough one-by a regular old salt who must have been closely related to Neptune. A French song-which had to be repeated - brought the evening's amusement to a close. Mr T. Algar was in the Chair. The next entertainment will be to celebrate the first Anniversary of the institution, and we expect that those its subjects. The well-to-do Chinese who are at the helm of affairs will not fail

On board the Cadiz, which arrived at Singapore on the 16th March from Manila. there were 49 artillerymen being sent home to Spain in irons for being concerned in the. recent mutiny there. It was said these men were to have been shot, but it was subsequently deemed more prudent to send them to Europe in case of their execution causing disaffection amongst the other

According to the London gossip furnished to Indian papers, London will soon have a weekly journal, price sixpence, for every day of the week. There are already the Observer for Sunday, May Fair, edited by Mr Lucy of 'Under the Clock' fame, on Tuesday, Mr Edmund Yates' World on Wednesday, Mr Henry Labouchere's Truth on Thursday, and the Whitehall Review on Friday. Monday and Saturday are still vacant, but one of them will be soon occupied by London, a new venture in which Lord Beaconsfield is said to have a large pecuniary interest and which is to give a direct support to his government. According to the same authority, Truth is a clear and well-written paper, much more able than the World, but it does not take with the public, and in its fourth week of existence had three actions for libel on hand. The circulation of the Daily Telegraph is said, by the same authority also, to have largely increased in consequence of its anti-Russian course upon the Eastern Question and is now certified over 200,000. The circulation of the Times is said to have fallen off in consequence of its vaciliating course upon the Eastern Question, and that of the Daily News to have greatly decreased on account of its pro-Russian anti-Turk

(L. & C. Express, Feb. 16.)

The appointments of Lieutenant Arthur Havergne, and Sub-Lieutenants Arthur J. Loans and Francis M. Keary, to the Audatious, for service in the Sylvia on the Ohina Station, are gazetted. The Gamma and Delta, iron screw gun-

boats, built at Newcastle for the Chiness Government, have arrived at Portsmouth. During the year 1876 the Pacific Mail Company carried the following quantities of merchandise from San Francisco to the ports specified, vis :- To Hongkong, 7,867 tone | Shanghai, 685 tona | Yokohama. 1,810 tons | Hiogo, 195 tons | Nagasaki. 138 tons-total, 10,190 tons. The amounts of treasure forwarded were ! To Hongkong, \$4,290,527 | Yokohama, \$185,773 | and Hiogo, \$118,283—total, \$4,589,588. During the same year the steamers of the O, and O. B S. Company took awa. 12,562 tons of freight to Hongkong, 500 to Shanghal, 827 to Yokohama, 149 to Hiogo, and 43 to Nagazaki-total 12,171 tons. The tressure exports by this line were \$4,627,287 to Hougkong, \$246,362 to Shanghai, \$731,377 to Yokohama, and \$200,722 to Hiogo-sa total, \$5 809,818, Total merchandise exports by both lines, 24,861 tons. Total

treasure by both lines, \$10,899,351. A gentleman who spent a night, in Mos vember, 1870, at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton in the morning found that his

room (the door of which he had not locked) | the second time; one of them was swamped | had been entered, and his chronometer, rings, and instruments, worth altogether about £120, had been stolen. He sued the landlord for their value, and a jury in the Exchequer Division found that the plaintiff had contributed to the loss by his negligence, and that the landlord was no in default for not searching the house the guests. The Lord Chief Baron on appeal said the jury were wrong in point of law upon both points, and he directed the verdict to be entered for the plaintiff.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.) March 27, 1877.

ROBBERY FROM A GRAVE.

Chan A Ngan and Chun Afuk were charged by P. U. 295 with robbing the dead. -The prosecutor stated that Lokong 295 came to him and said on the evening of the 10th instant a report was made to the station by Chun Akow to the effect that the dead had been robbed at Mount Davis : he followed Chun Akow and they stopped at a grave. He (the constable) was so frightened at the sight of a corpse that he ran home. The next morning he saw some female ornaments, with black crape headdress, and with a jade ear-ring; the same produced, previously shown him to pawn. The second prisoner said he would meet him next morning and go to the station; but he demurred and said No, at once. The P. C. said he was induced by the defendant to pawn the things with his own goods, to pay the rent, not knowing at the time the things were stolen. A great deal of evidence was taken, and the case was remanded until the 29th instant.

MARINE COURT OF ANQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry was held today, at the Herbour Master's Office, to investigate into the circumstances attending the loss of the British ship John Guent. The Court was composed of the Hon. C. May, (President), Capt. Thomsett, R.N., (Harbour Master), Capt. McMurdo, Government Marine Surveyor, H. Magniac, Esq., and Captain Symington, of the Brit-

ish steamship Hankow. Capt. John Please, was first examined. He said : I have been a master mariner ten years and a half, and have had command of three ships before the John o'Gaunt. 1 have been accustomed to trade chiefly on the West Coast of South America. This is the first vessel I have ever lost. My certificate of competency was lost with the ship. It was 11,429. My log book and ship's register is lost; I have made an abstract from memory as well as I could. I have saved the chart I was navigating by. The John o'Gaunt was | was only brought to the wind to get the 860 tons register; she was about 19 or 20 | boats out. The anchors were not bent. years old, built in 1855. We last left | (fere the Captain said that the chains Birkenhead with a cargo of Coals on the were all ready for bending on, the range 22nd August, bound to Manila. yessel was owned-by Mr Thomas Beli. She was lost on the Island of Batag. We had a tolerably favourable passage until | forecastle and they could have been thrown the 1st January. We were then in lat. overboard by the whole crew in a few 2.85 N. and long. 135.45 E., the wind being | minutes). from N.E. to E., with squally and cloudy The weather was generally bad from the 1st to 8th January. I got an observation on the 7th January the day before we were wrecked. I than made her position to be in lat. 12.26 N. and long. 127.37 E. The nearest land being the sland of Hilaban bearing w. 2 S. 119 miles. We were head reaching on the starboard tack, under fore and main lower topsail and close reefed mizen topsail and foretopmast staysail, and going about 2 knots and making 3 points, leeway. We were heading from N. to N. by W.; this was at noon. After getting observations the weather moderating I kept the ship off, steering N. W. by N. steering for the straits of St. Balanding. We made about 7 miles up to 2 o'c ock. We then made a W. N. W. course and gave . er more cauvas; by 8 o'clock we had made 53 miles on that course. The weather being squalry I shortened sail again and kept her head W. by N.; the wind was on the starboard quar er. This course was kept until midnight. I then took in the upper main topsail and steered West; we had made 33 miles between 8 c'ol ok and midnight. We were then 53 miles from the nearest land by my reckoning. The night was very dark and squally. I left the deck unti-1.35 a.m., after I had seen the lookout was in his place. I did not go to bed, but sat on the sofa in the cabin. I had given the mate orders to keep a good lookout and let me know the state of the weather at 3 o'clock. When I left the deck the vessel was going about 7½ knots. The mate called me at 3 o'clock and reported that the weather was looking better. I then told him to report to me again at 4 o'clock. He did so and said the weather was looking about the same. I told him to pass the word to the second mate to let me know if there was any change. I marked the ship's position on the chart every four hours from the previous noon. At four o'clock I made her position lat. 12° 58' N. and long. 125° 35' E. I still steered west the nearest land would be 30 miles S.W. by 8. 1 S. I went on deck and walked to the binnacle; I saw the 2nd mate on the lee side of the poop and went to him. I saw that he was looking to leeward; I asked him what he was looking at He replied it was a squall passing. I told him I thought it looked stationary, so I altered the course to W. by N. The dark object in question was broad on the lee beam. i did not feel uneasy about it, as thought we were too far off to see any land. It was breaking day; this was at 5.85. I then went to look at my chart and came on deck again in a few minutes, and found the ship close to breakers; they were on the lee bow and stretching across the

with I got 3 boats out before she struck

was 28 feet long and 6 feet beam. The vessel was by this time in broken water; we pulled towards Batang Island and endeavoured to effect a landing, but there was feet of water in the hold: I told the 2nd them.—Shanghai Courier. too much sea; we succeeded in landing about 7 o'clock. About 5 or 10 minutes | the time. after we got into the sboat the ship took the reefs on the port bilge heading northward, and fell over to starboard. The main and mizen top mast carried away as soon as she struck. We could see her about 1 an hour after this. After landing we were ordered by the natives to proceed up a river about 8 miles. A guide was sent with us and conducted us to a place called Palapak. We there saw steering that way when I was relieved. a gentleman, a Spaniard, who after hearing that we were shipwrecked gave us food and lodging, and told-me that if we wished to reach Manila we would have to proceed first to an island called Lavang. We went there the same afternoon, and arrived at A Spanish gentleman who made provision for us all and treated us very kindly is named Señor Don Santa Molleda. We communicated with the British Consul at Manila by latter and a vessel was sent down for us. We left in her on the 5th March, arriving at Manila on the 9th, and were taken care of by the British Consul and forwarded on to this port by the Salva- mium. dora. We remained at Lavang 8 weeks. The the crew, but myself, the 1st and 2nd mate, No. 7 put an end to his existence by shooting for keeping the crew was \$3 per day. also provided us with clothes; the total

clothes was about \$800. The last land I saw before we were wrecked was the Pellew Islands on the 3rd January; my chrono. meters were then correct. I had two chronometers on board; both are saved. The reason I managed to save my chart and not my log book was because I ran into the effect a landing. We left the ship between

next c lled and examined. He said: I joined | the same. the vessel at Liverpool: I held a certificate of competency as master issued in London in 1862, and have been master of a ship 16 years. I had the middle watch on the night of the 7th to 8th. 1 saw the Captain on deck during my watch. I reported the state of the weather to him at 8 o'clock and again at 4, according to instructions. hove the log every 2 hours .- (iere his) evidence corroborated the Captain's statement. He also stated that he was asleep awoke him. When I went on dock I saw the after the ship got clear of the reef she was of water in the hold to the second mate. it was impossible to get her off shore. She The overhauled, and they had only to bend a rope on to the cable and haul th'm through the hawse pipes. The anchors were on the

In reply to the President as to why they, being in such a critical position, did not anchor, the Captain had stated the anchors could have been got over in a few minutes. The Chief Officer said it would have been quite impossible to get them over under half an hour. The hawse plugs were in to prevent the water coming in the forecastle; the crew could not have lived in the forecastle had the hawse plugs been

Capt. Please said, in reply to Capt. Chomsett, that the reason he took no oundings was because there were none marked on the chart, and he did not think it necessary as he had concluded himself in deep water. The crew behaved very well although they were a little confused before getting into the boa's

James MacDonald Johnson, the second officer, was next called. He said :- I was second officer of the John o' Gaunt. I have held a certificate as second mate since 1868. I obtained it at Liverpool. I joined the John o' Gaunt at Liverpool.

The examination was continued, but no evidence was elicited materially differing from that given by the Captain and Chief Officer. He further stated that when they first saw the land the Captain said. " I will stand in and see what land it is:" I am certain of this. The Captain shortly after this said to me "I am afraid I cannot weather the land on either tack."

leeward before 5 o'clock; I am sure it was before 5; I do not know if you had had your | for him.

By Capt. Thomsett: The Captain came on deck at 4.30; the land was first spoken of at about 4.45. All hands were called when

any conversation having reference to your itching palm, which the brother had not; having arisen over the certificate for burial, certificate. I did not hear Dummit say that he has a weak head, which his brother the matter was reported to the police, who "What is £500 to his Certificate?" I have had not, a smiling face for all and a hand will take action forthwith. had disputes with the Captain during the not ready to strike, also unlike his brother: voyage; the Captain threatened to send me forward and put me off duty. The Island away and who assert that the firm, unbendo of Batang was passed before she struck.

the 2nd mate and the Captain David Power was next called .- I was an who is all powerful. The difference Chinese ports into Cooktown within the A.B. on board the John o' Gaunt. I had the between the brothers has been contrasted look-out from 4 to 6 on the morning the ship by the different manner in which both struck. I had orders fron the man I relieved appeared on the stage. to keep a sharp look out for land; a boy named Callaghan was on the look-out with were beheaded, and robbers seized by the me. It was usual to have 2 on the look-out hundred, while many a " button " fell off a nearing the land. About 8.15 I told the boy magistrate's skull-cap, in a few instances to go up and report to the second mate that buy. Lithen jold the man at the wheel to I saw something to leeward but was not sure and posts up one or two proclamations telling luff her up a point and ultimately brought her to the wind. We were under fore and if it was land or not. I should judge the land to be 5 or 6 miles off when I first saw den solely of course with the disinterested main lower topsail, close-rected minen topit. It was break of day; the ship was sail, foresail and jib and foretopment staygoing free about & knots. I could see no boys and go home, for there are no robbers sail; I braced her sharp up. Before she breakers. The ship was brought to the to fight or posts to fill; and inviting all came to the wind she struck heavily. The wind before she struck, as I was on the innkeepers and shopkeepers to "peach," shook deadened her way but she did not main deck at the braces, it being daylight. lese headway. We were then 2 miles East Immediately after she struck the boats were | any of his friends who should misbehave and of Batang Island which we weathered. I got out. I first saw the Ceptain when I then made out Balag Island on our les went aft to the braces, I did not see any about 8 points on the bow. There was no island after she struck. The after yards trouble in the east by his clumsy mode of room to wear ship and too much sea to stay her. All hands were called on deck were backed when we went on the reef; I think it was to keep her from going on the with new instructions. when she struck. I could see there was no other alternative but to get the boats

mate all were busy getting the boats out at

William Rodney called, said: -I was a seaman on board the John o' Gaunt. I was at the wheel from 4 to 6. I saw the Captain come on deck about half-past 4. I first saw land about 4.45; it had been reported by that { time; I was relieved to go to my coffee about I was steering west at 4. The Capt. altered the course to W. by N. at 4.30, and again to W.N.W. at 4.45. We were neither saw nor heard breakers before the

ship struck. The Court was then adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

The Philippines

(From the Manila Papers.)

Of the 9,928 mils cigars offered for sale by public auction on the 18th March, 5 132 mils were sold for the total sum of \$64,563.85, including \$4,419.50 of pre-

On the 19th March, a soldier of the Regt. carpenter and cook lived at the Spanish himself with a revolver under the jaw-bone. gentleman's house free of charge. The cost The unfortunate man had been suffering He from mental disorganisation for some time. A band of about 30 highway thieves amount for the keep of the crew and the attacked the district of Lupac, on the 4th March. They were dressed in different Government officers' uniform and provided with all kinds of arms. A correspondent writes from Union under

date of 12th March, and says that notwithstanding the drought the tobacco crop is in much better condition than was expected. cabin to refer to it and see where I could | The construction of a floating Dock at Cavite is contemplated. A plan will 6 and 7 o'clock, and lauded between 10 submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for approval and in order to obtain Murdoch Martin, the Chief Cfficer, was the usual permission for the construction of

Japan.

The Hochi Shinbun says -A telegram from the South, despatched at 9.30 a.m. on the 15th, announces that the insurgents seem to have exhausted their money and We provisions. They pay no hire to the coolies whom they employ, and seize rice and other stores from private persons. So they are rapidly losing their popularity. The merwhen the ship struck and that the shock chants and farmers have banded together to defend their property against them. Anland all round excepting to windward; other telegram from Fukuoka, sent at 8.5 p.m. on the 14th, says that Mr. Oyama, kept before the wind and was running for Governor of Kagoshima Ken, accompanied the land. The carpenter reported 4 feet the Imperial envoy to Nagasaki, where they landed on the 13th instant, and will proceed together to Kioto. But Shimadzu, who has not been connected with the rebels from the first, promised the envoy that he would soon leave his home and help to restore tranquillity. - Japan Gazette.

MOUKDEN.

10th February, 1877. On the 29th January the body of the late Governor-General took its departure for could not start till a month after the date fixed, having thoroughly recovered. As I had to pass through the inner to the outer Small North gate on that day I was astonished at the unwonted appearance of a large mat-booth with a great red umbrella and warlike weapons stuck up in front, by the last night. A Chinaman thrust his fist side of the main thoroughfare. Walking through the window of Messrs Borchardt up to the front thereof I saw a pretty black and Deitz, jewellers, and grasped a handful armchair on a platform at the back of this of jewellery, estimated at a value of £30, booth, and before it, and somewhat lower a and managed to escape with his booty. large table covered with bouquets and the richest and most artistic sweets of the Mouk- less than three thousand about town at the den confectioners. These sweet-breads, present time, are becoming very insolent. cakes, &c., were of many shapes, only none | We have heard complaints made by ladies of very great size. There were several that when walking in the street, and passing scarlet-topped hats in attendance, and the a group of Chinamen, the latter are in the principal one informed me that this had been prepared as a sacrifice to the ghost of the making remarks in their own language and late Governor-General by the young son of Wen Siang, the chair being supposed to be deserves serious consideration. We hear occupied by the ghost, for whose benefit the that thousands of Chinese are expected this beautiful table was spread. The chair was season, and they must be kept in order also intended to supply a fixed point to with a strict hand. No doubt much of their which the passers-by might make their growing insolence is due to the fact that obeisance. But I observed that the passersby passed by without taking any notice. asked a man attached to the Wên in his father's footsteps, but was informed the law, and they must believe that they that he would never approach his father in ability. Being his father's son he has an In reply to Captain Please: You asked me | advantage, for in early spring he is "going | in" to the capital to see the Emperor, make his bows, and take his place already provided | Cooktown to Foregin ports made up as Chung How, a younger brother of the

some time filled the office of interior Go time of the year. vernor-General, but beyond issuing some proclamations, which certainly breathe the By the President: The breakers were not air of the study rather than that of the seen until a few seconds before striking breezy battle-field of his deceased brother, he has taken no action of importance as yet to The Coloraine Albion he was unfortunate In reply to the Captain :- I was in the | Everybody says however that he will never fill his brother's shoes; that he has got an to him as a last resource, and a difficulty Those who wish well to the provinces hereing and sharp policy of his brother is and of a suitable quarantine site becomes a The Chief Officer recalled said he did not | will be long needed, hope that his temporary know of any real illfeeling existing between appointment will not be made permanent. But he is a great friend of the Sixth Prince, brother came in a whirlwind and criminals along with the head. The younger comes in his friends who have followed him to Mouka motive of adding to his glory, to be good that he might administer a gentle reproof to take things without paying for them. The Mahommedan General who made such

assessing tures has been sent back exain

penter of the John o' Gaunt. I recollect the in stocks of game and for the next three possibility, to beat against it. The result another was smashed against the ship's side, morning of the 8th January; I was on deck weeks, during which shops won't sell, pre- would be that no supplies could reach the the third boat was got affoat safely and all at 6 o'clock, the vessel struck about 5 or 10 pare for as merry a new year's time as is quarantine station, and in the event of hands got into her (20 in all). The boat minutes later. I did not know we were known anywhere in Christendom or outside anything serious occurring, which might amongst the breakers before she struck. I it. Two proclamations on the gates refer to require immediate communication with did not sound the pumps until 5 minutes fire-works, one absolutely forbidding, the this port, life might be endangered, except after she struck, when I found from 3 to 4 other strictly ordering care in the display of a steamer were provided by the Govern-

The Straits. (Singapore Daily Times.)

The latest intelligence from Acheen reports that all is peaceful and the health of the Dutch troops in satisfactory.

The investigation into the charge against the Captain of the Atjeh, who is accused of having committed a breach of the quarantine laws by landing a passenger suffering from small pox at this Port, is being held to-day (March 17th) at the Police Court before Cap ain Walshe.

The only new notification in the Gazette is that Col. W. K. McLeod, H. M. 74th Highlanders, having assumed the command of the troops in the Straits Settlements, was sworn in as a member of the Legislative Council on the 9th instant.

Australian Items.

The Corea brought an unexpected but gave way. At the time the vessel was hove fugitive addition to our population. visited the wreck of the Singapore, brought on all hands with the exception of Captain Peske and six men, who remained with a view of saving the mast, if possible. she had no money, although she promised on the island in charge of the wreck. The In the log the sea was described as frightful lascar crew and Chinese passengers were at this time. It was impossible to secure marched up to the depot, where they took | the starboard rigging. The main-mast at poscession of one of the buildings. The this time was lurching violently, and the crew went by the Corea to Cooktown, captain, fearing that it would tear up the whence they were to be taken on to Sing. decks, cut the port rigging, and the mainapore, and the officers and Chinamen left | mast fell over the starboard side of the for the South in the Egmont. Whatever | vessel, taking with it the mizen-mast. The losses the officers may have suffered (one of them telling me that he had saved nothing steamer from Liverpool and towed into but the clothes he had on), the passengers | Lisbon. The contention of the plaintiffs appear to have taken good care of their | was that cutting away the mast was a sacribelongings, as they had a number of fancy | fice for the benefit of the general venture, articles for sale. Some of the crew, the and, being such, was a proper subject for whole of whom had their kits, also had general average contribution. The contensecured some cagefuls of shipwrecked can. | tion on behalf of the defendants was, that aries, and they were cagerly bought up by at the time when the mast was cut it was a the townspeople, the only difficulty being | lost mast, and therefore that cutting it away to find cages for them all. They will be a was no sacrifice, and the loss of the mast reminder of the sad loss of this fine vessel. | was not a matter for general average con-The rock on which she struck is said not to | tribution. be marked on the chart, though it was generally supposed that that portion of the | the jury to say whether the mast was virchannel had been thoroughly surveyed. | tuaily a wreck and gone at the time when it Had it been high water the vessel would have passed safely over this dangerous rock. The A.S.N. Company's and other steamers have passed the place hundreds of times, and it is strange that its existence should never have been made known,-Port Deni on

We (O. Courier) have received the following report of the Mecsa on her voyage from Keppel Bay. Those of our readers who may object to its not being couched in the usual terse language of ships' reports should consider whether a prolonged term of quarantine under the conditions of the Mecca would have made their language even more flowery. "By the kind permission of Cerberus, left Purgatory 5 p.m. on 3rd instant, having passed through the refining fires, and escaped sound in wind and limb, but certainly not with whole skin, the local lilac-winged song-birds having bored and prospected that necessary item of anatomy until it will neither keep water out nor beer in. 4th, 1.80 p.m., passed late s.s. Singapore performing strict quarantine under L. Island, off Mackay. he appeared to be taking it quite cool. probably awaiting a telegram from Brisbane. Some of her furnishings were drifting north through Whitsunday Passage. Fresh S.E.

Times, Feb. 10.

and E. winds throughout." A very impudent robbery was committed These Chinese, of whom there cannot be habit of laughing and jeering insolently, pointing significantly at them. This matter they are allowed to break our law with perfect impunity, by carrying on public gambling without check or reproof. family whether the son was likely to follow know perfectly well that they are breaking are not punished simply because the white men dare not punish them .- C. Courier.

Gold,-During the month of February, 16.736 ozs. of gold were exported from follows :- To N.S.W., 12,761 ogs.; China 3775 ozs. This amount speaks well for deceased Governor-General Chung Shih, has the district exports especially at the worst

A Chinaman, known as "Dr Tack King. who has been prescribing for patients without being armed with the necessary diploma, is to be prosecuted at Merino. According enough to lose a patient, who had applied From our prezimity to those hot beds of

infectious diseases, which abound in the Asiatic and Chinese countries, the selection welfare of our community. It is simply marvellous, considering the influx from past three years, that we have escaped the seven plagues of Egypt, and now that a feeling of excessive fear prevails throughout the colonies that the dreadful scourge of smallen x will obtain a secure feeting in our cities and town, renders it doubly importent that the site should be selected not only with good and experienced judgment but at once. We have received no official intelligence, but have heard a report that Lizzard Island had been recommended to the Government as a suitable spot. We earnestly trust that there is no foundation for this rumour, for a more unsultable selection no evidence that this island lying 50 miles

Daniel Sullivan called, said :- I was car- than collect accounts, pay ditto or fail, lay | the greatest difficulty and sometimes im- | 826,508 less than the number reported last ment at a great expense, for this isolated service.—Courier.

GENERAL AVERAGE. SHEPHEBD AND OTHERS U. KOTTGEN AND

This case, which was heard in the Queen's Bench, raised a question of co siderable mercantile importance, as to whether the loss of a mast under the circumstances disclosed was a general average loss or not The plaintiffs were the owners of the Rollo a bark of 586 tons register, and the defend ants were the owners of part of the cargo. The parties really interested in the result of the action were the underwriters of the ship on the one hand, and the underwriters of the cargo on the other. The Rollo left London on the 8th of December, 1874, for Hongkoug, with a general cargo. After she had passed Scilly the weather became rough, and on the 17th it blew a hurricane, and part of the main chain plates on the starboard side gave way, and the strain on the back stay being thus increased, it also She to on the starboard tack. In order to shift the strain, the captain were the ship and put her on the port tack. This was done

vessel was afterwards overhauled by a

The Judge (Mr Justice Manisty) left it to was cut away. The jury found that the mast when it was out away was a wreck and hopelessly lost. Upon this finding his Lordship directed judgment to be entered for the defendants.

ENGLAND'S POSITION AT SEA. A correspondent writes to us:-An article Mr Shaw Lefevre in Macmillan's Maga-

sine, based on certain French calculations to which we called attention some time ago, takes a most favourable view of our position at sea as compared with that of other Powers, and the article has already been quoted to show that there is no need for further exertion, and, of course, still for any alarm. The actual figures, dealing only with first-rate ironclads, are given as follows :- England is estimated at 1,112, France 853, Germany 372, Italy 284, Turkey keep the defendant until he died and then 215, Russia 153, and Austria 134. Thus England's first-class vessels, built and building, bear only a ratio of 1,112 to 2,011 as compared with those belonging to the rest of Europe; and even a combination between France, Russia, and Italy would give these three Powers a superiority over us in the narrow seas, unless we were allied with Germany. When we consider that the command of the Mediterranean is now almost as essential to us as the command of the Channel, and that our ironelad fleet has many other points at which it would be called upon to do duty, I confess that, admitting the truth of the French calculations, they do not seem to me exceedingly satisfactory. It is true, Mr Shaw Lefevre says boldly, that "the creation of an Italian fleet need be no cause of jealousy to England, but the reverse," and thus disposes of one element in any possibly hostile combination. But the fact, at any rate, remains that within a year or two from the present time Italy will be in possession of four stupendous turret ships armed with heavier guns than any we have affoat, and it is at least conceivable that she might find it to her advantage to join her fleet to that of France in the Mediterranean at some future time. Where such interests as those of our carrying trade are at stake we cannot afford to take anything for granted. No doubt, as has been frequently urged of late, our coaling stations and fortified posts will give us an enormous advantage over other nations which we did not possess in the old wars provided only they are properly made use of ; but it must also be borne in mind that we are now infinitely more than we were then dependent upon other countries for our every-day food and for the raw staples of our manufactures. Consequently

THE UNITED STATES ARMY. The United States Army List for 187 gives the total of the force under the comconsists of 11 general officers, 32 aides-decamp, 368 general staff officers, 107 engi= | Honghong Bank, 31 neers, 60 "ordnance," I signal officer, 80 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., 1640 matter of vital importance to the sanitary chaplains, 419 cavalry officers, 9,267 China Fire Ins. Co., \$150 "cavalry, enlisted men," 279 artillery Uhina Traders' Ins. Co., 42,080 officers, 2,563 "artillery, enlisted men," 871 Union ins. Society of Canton, \$620 infantry officers, 11,932 "infantry, enlisted | Chinese Insurance Co., \$208 men," 242 "engineer battalion," 633 on North Ohina lnn. Co., Tis. 910 eruits at artillery school, 280 "general 1.K. & W. Dock Co. 40 service men" (clerks), 387 "ord nance depart. H.K. O. & M. B.-beat vo., \$10 ment, enlisted men," 227 forming the Shanghai Steam N. Oo., Th. 98 "West Point detachment," 200 hospital stewards, 112 ordnance sergeants, 136 coma | Chinese Imperial Loan, £108/10 missary sergeants, 214 Indian scouts, 65 "available recruits," 61 forming the prison guard at Fort Leavenworth: To these must be added 300 retired officers, raising the total of the force, according to the report of General Sherman, "General of the Army," to 28,871. The strength of the organized could with difficulty be made. There is militia force of the United States, according to the latest returns received at the to the northward of O oktown, is perman- Adjutant-General's office, is 90,347; conently supplied with water, but this objection sisting of 115 general officers, 895 general is comparatively slight, taking into con- stuff officers, 1,17d regimental field and staff sideration that from eight to mine months officers, 4,336 company officers, and 63,820 out of the twelve, our prevailing winds are non-commissioned officers, musicians, and strong south-east trades, often blowing so privates. The number of men available for We can do nothing sles here at present hard that a ship would find it a matter of military duty is returned at 2,875,469, holog

armament and coal-carrying capacity.

later dates than 1875, the returns for New Jersey and Michigan being dated 1874. No enrolment is reported in Virginia, South Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; and no returns have been received from Delaware, West Virginia, North Florida, Alabama Georgia, Carolina. Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Nevada, and Oregon. It may be worth noting, in reference to these figures, that Canada has no standing army whatever, though there are some 2,000 British troops at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The active militia consists of about 30,000 men; that is to say, such a number of men serve sixteen days in the year each for a period of two or three years. The reserve." which means no more than the roll of the able-bodied men, amounts to 655,000. America spends about £8,000,000 on her army every year; Canada about £200,000.

SHARP PRACTICE.

A question of much interest and importance to the medical profession, and indeed to the public generally, is raised by the circumstances attending a case which came before the stipendiary magistrate at Cardiff on Monday. A man was committed for trial at the assizes on a charge of feloniously wounding his wife. The prisoner admitted that he stabbed her several times, as alleged. through jealousy. His wife stated that on being stabbed she ran to a doctor, who dressed her wounds, one of which was two inches long and one inch deep. Finding that payment, the doctor cut open again the most serious wound, and sent her away in greater pain than before. This statement led to a discussion as to the proceedings of the doctor The stipendiary was of opinion that he should be summoned. On the other hand, the magistrate's clerk advised that the matter amounted to a fresh assault. Professional evidence was given to the effect that the proceeding complained of would cause the wound to bleed more and produce more pain, but would not otherwise affect it seriously. The police, by the latest accounts, had not taken action against the doctor, but it is to be hoped, assuming the woman's statement to be true, that some steps will be taken to ascertain the legality or otherwise of the doctor's conduct. In certain cases such. for instance, as the amoutation of a limbit would obviously be impossible for even the most skilful surgeon to replace the severed member in the event of the patient proving insolvent after the operation, but it would be easy for a doctor who had prescribed unconsciously for a penniless patient to neutralize the effect of his treatment by an antidote; and, although it may be argued that this would not unfrequently be an advantage to the sufferer, it is a question whether such sharp practice is justifiable from a legal or professional point of view.

An odd case of "prospecting a legacy" came under notice at the Bury county court last week. The defendant in a suit, in answer to a question put to him as to a sum of £500 left to him by his mother, stated that it had "gone to where it was owing." It then came out that he had paid it into the hands of an innkeeper under an agreement drawn out by a lawyer that the legacy. little or much, should, when it became tanglible, be given to the innkeeper, who was to bury him respectably. The defendant being a "middle-aged man" the bargain does not appear to be a very profitable one for the innkeeper; for in these days, when centenarians are by no means uncommon, it is not impossible that he may have to keep the defendant for the next half-century before burying him respectably, unless, indeed, the innkeeper is the first to "shuffle off this mortal coil," in which case it is to be presumed that the duty will devolve on his next of kin. It is not an unusual custom in some parts of the country for persons who have an unexpected windfall in the shape of a small legacy to pay the amount thus received to a neighbouring publican, and then "drink it out:" but bold indeed must that publican be who undertakes to keep a man through life and bury him respectably when dead for an unknown amount. A bargain of this nature may lead to indefinite benevolence, all the more distressing because it is com-

Quotations. Honekone, March 27, 1877. OPIUM -- New Patna, cash.... \$585 New Benares, cash, 550 New Maiwa, canh, 505 credit, 560 Allowance Taels, 12 a 82 Old Malwa, cash, Allowance Taels, QUICKSILVER, SALTPETRE, 114 111 424 Exchange. Bank, on demand, 30 days' sight, ... 8/10 6 months' sight, ... we need a far greater proportionate strength to be equally secure. Mr Shaw Lefevre Dodumentary, 6 months' sight, .. 4/0 speaks also of the Shah, the Inconstant, and Bombay, 220 other unarmoured vessels as giving us Calcutta, 225 great superiority over possible assailants. shanghal, demand, 721 Unfortunately, the serious defects of these 30 days' 73; ships are only too well known, both in Bar Bilver, 17, dwts. B., Moxicans, in in 25.7v a 95.50 Gold Louf, English Sovereigns, Australian Borgeolgus, ... Discount, 709

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